

NOMINATION OF HADDON DEFENDED BY COMMITTEE

City Organization Issues Statement
Warning Against Hasty Action
by Voters.

IS REPLY TO CRITICISMS

Stand Is Taken That Under Law
There Was No Cause Left But to
Name Wise's Opponent for Com-
monwealth's Attorney.

A defense of the action of the City Democratic Committee in naming T. Gray Haddon as the party's candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney of Richmond was given out yesterday by the executive committee in an appeal to Democratic voters against "hasty and ill-considered action." The threats attributed to a member of the committee that all Democrats who do not vote for Mr. Haddon will be barred from the primaries next year are repudiated.

The committee asserts that under the law, there was no alternative to naming Mr. Haddon, who was the only applicant before the committee.

The committee's statement follows: "The Democratic Voters of the City of Richmond:

"In the interest of the Democratic party and in support of the party organization, the City Democratic Committee feels that it should calmly and dispassionately lay before every Democrat the following, so that he may avoid inadvertently injuring his party by hasty or ill-considered action on his part:

"Since the days of Reconstruction the members of the Democratic party have stood together like a solid phalanx, and whenever a Democrat has broken away from the fold of the party, because of difference of opinion, interest or other of regret among all consistent Democrats.

"Political parties are necessary in a popular form of government, and parties cannot exist without party organization. The Democratic party, in its conventions, has created its city and county committees, which have placed the responsibility upon them to see that nominees are selected to represent the party in every general election. This is generally done by means of a party primary, but where the primary cannot be held by reason of insufficiency of time, the right to name the candidate is delegated to the party committee.

SAFEGUARD INTERESTS OF PARTY AT ALL COSTS

"During a period of forty years or more there has never been an occasion on which the Democratic party was not represented in the general election by a previously nominated candidate, and the party organization has never permitted rival Democratic candidates in a general election. Any argument that it is not necessary that the Democratic party nominate a candidate in the ensuing general election would apply equally as well to any or all general elections, and not to safeguard the party in this particular would be to set a very dangerous precedent.

"After the death of the late lamented and beloved Commonwealth's Attorney, there were four or more names mentioned as possible candidates for this office, and under the law, the Judge of the Hustings Court, on October 1, 1915, ordered an election to fill the vacancy. This election was held on November 2, 1915. The law gave a sufficient time for a primary to be called under the primary statute, which required a sixty-day notice; therefore, the responsibility of naming a nominee for the party fell upon the City Democratic Committee.

The Virginia Legislature declared in its primary law, section 7: 'Each party shall have the power to provide in any way it sees fit, for the nomination of its candidates, and the nomination and election of its candidates for office in case of any vacancy.'

PROPER COURSE TAKEN BY CITY COMMITTEE

"In fairness to each of the avowed Democratic candidates whose friends had been importuning the members of the committee for the support of their candidate for this nomination, as well as to any other Democrat who might wish to offer himself for this nomination, they were invited to present their names to the committee.

"In response to this invitation the committee received from Mr. T. Gray Haddon notification of his candidacy for the nomination at the hands of the committee, and he agreed to abide by the action of the party organization. No other names were presented. When the committee was confronted with this situation what position should it have taken as the representatives of the party? The committee not only took the proper course under all the circumstances, but under the election law the only course left open to it, and it would have been recalcitrant to its duty and unfaithful to its party obligations if it had acted in any other manner.

"When the committee nominated Mr. Haddon it named a man who is a good citizen, a consistent Democrat, one who is fully qualified for the office and one who is recognized as an able member of the bar.

"It had been stated in the newspapers that some member of the committee had said that any one who voted against the nomination of Mr. Haddon could not vote in next year's party primary. If any such statement has been made by any member it was utterly unauthorized. The City Democratic Committee has never taken any action looking toward disbaring any Democrat from participating in any party primary, but appeals solely to the voters to support the party nominees.

ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANY PRECEDENTS

"The action of the City Committee was in accordance with many precedents. When the Hon. John S. Harwood died, after having been nominated in the primary, there was insufficient time to call another primary, and the committee named Hon. James E. Cannon as its nominee. When the Hon. D. L. Toney died during his term of office there was again insufficient time for a primary to fill the vacancy, and the committee named the Hon. E. R. Fuller as its nominee for the House of Delegates. In both of these instances there were other candidates before the committee, but on these occasions there was any protest made against the action of the committee, and at the recent primary election the Democratic voters ratified the election of the committee by re-nominating the same man by a good majority.

"We earnestly ask every Democratic voter to stand by the nominee of the duly constituted party organization for this important office, and in this way to discourage those who may at any time feel inclined to bolt the party when their interest tempts them so to do.

(Signed)
WM. RUSSELL JONES, M. D.,
Chairman;
"MANN T. ROGERS,
"H. B. BURNETT,
"JOHN L. MORRIS,
"J. N. PURCELL,
"WALTER E. F. LIPFORD,
"HUGH STOCKER,
Executive Committee.
"Walter G. Duke, Secretary."

Completes Eig Task



F. WILLIAM SIEVERS.

GENERAL LEE'S STATUE IS FINISHED PRODUCT

Sculptor Sievers Ends Work Upon
Equestrian Figure to Stand
at Gettysburg.

STUART TO VIEW IT TO-DAY

Great Chieftain, Done in Heroic Style,
Is Shown in Characteristic Pose as
He Is Said to Have Witnessed
Pickett's Historic Charge.

With a sigh of relief, F. William Sievers, the noted sculptor, yesterday laid down his tools and surveyed the finished product of his hand, the equestrian statue of General Robert E. Lee, which will stand on the field of Gettysburg.

The work was completed by the sculptor yesterday, and will be viewed this afternoon by Governor Stuart, members of the monument commission and Confederate leaders of Virginia. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, between 3 and 6 o'clock, the general public will be admitted to the studios, at Forest Hill, to see the statue.

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Mr. Sievers' design for the monument was accepted from among forty designs submitted by leading sculptors. He immediately moved his studios to Richmond and started the work, first completing a beautiful group, which will occupy the base of the pedestal on which the equestrian statue will stand. This group was cast in bronze two years ago and accepted by the monument commission. The pedestal has been constructed, and all that now remains to be done is to mold the new figure and place it in its position. This, however, will take more than six months.

HEROIC FIGURE OF CONFEDERATE

The figure of General Lee, which is one and three-quarter times life size, is mounted on a horse, which, while standing in repose, has its nostrils slightly distended and its ears alertly turned. The great chieftain is seated firmly in the saddle in one of his characteristic poses. Not in hand, he is looking calmly, but steadily ahead. Except for grim determination in every line of the face, the figure is a singularly peaceful one.

In his conception of General Lee, the sculptor has borne in mind the action of the Southern commander in reviewing the famous charge of Pickett's men at Gettysburg. It is related that Lee was standing talking with his staff when informed that the charge was about to start. He calmly mounted and leisurely walked his horse to the brow of an eminence, from which he had a clear view of the field. So close was he to the firing line that his officers had great difficulty in persuading him to abandon the dangerous spot. The monument will stand practically on the identical ground.

The equestrian statue is fourteen feet in height and nine feet in length. It will rest on a pedestal twenty-two feet in height, formed of North Carolina granite. So immense is this pedestal, that its two stones weigh twenty tons each. Across the front of one and directly over the symbolic group will be the inscription, "Virginia to Her Sons at Gettysburg."

SEVEN FIGURES SEEN IN UNIQUE GROUP

The group is one of the most unique features of the monument. Instead of the conventional figures, Mr. Sievers has endeavored to put action into his work, and while all three branches of the service are represented, there is more than just a suggestion of warfare in the group. A shattered cannon, broken wheel, knapsack, swab and hat indicate that the spot has been the scene of a fierce engagement. Seven figures comprise the group, two young boys, one bugler of artillery, and the other, mounted, a standard-bearer, holding the State flag of Virginia. Other figures suggest the farmer, professional man and mechanic, all comrades in arms.

The group was completed first, and for three years Mr. Sievers has worked on General Lee and his horse. Twice he completed his task, but each time was not pleased with it, and started again. He has now completed it, and many who have carefully watched his work in all its details, pronounced it the finest representation of General Lee that he had ever seen.

The sculptor worked the statue out with the greatest care as to minute details. Not satisfied with measurements of actual garments worn by General Lee, he had hat makers and tailors make duplicates from the originals. The accoutrements are identical, and while the horse is not the famous "Traveler," it is of the type known to the period when Mr. Sievers has done his best to represent.

SHOWS HEAD UNCOVERED TO DISPLAY FACE

Students of history will perhaps criticize the saber worn by General Lee as being unlike that presented him during the war, but as this theatrical came after the battle of Gettysburg, Mr. Sievers reproduced the type of weapon used commonly during that period. As a matter of fact, General Lee never wore a saber in the field, except at reviews or ceremonies, nor did he wear a sash, which is omitted from the statue.

It had been intended by Mr. Sievers to have General Lee wearing his hat, but he found that it detracted from the strength of the face, as viewed from the angle to which it will be subjected, and the right hand of the figure is holding the headpiece at his side. Field glasses hang over his shoulder.

The process of making a plaster cast from which the molds will then be made, will start on Monday, and when completed will be shipped in sections to

the Tiffany Studios, Carona, Long Island, where the bronze cast will be made. It will take five months alone to make the casting. The cost of the group was made by the same concern and is now there.

The Virginia monument will stand on Confederate Avenue, near the spot from which General Lee watched Pickett's grand sweep up the hill. While not costing as much as others, it will hardly be excelled in artistic conception, interest or workmanship, by any in that big national park. The work was authorized by the State of Virginia, and it will cost about \$18,000.

The monument commission has Governor Stuart as its chairman. Other members are Colonel W. Gordon McCabe, of Richmond; Colonel Thomas Smith, of Warrenton; E. C. Edmundson, of Houston; and Stephen P. Reed, of Palmyra Springs. This committee will be called upon to set a date for the unveiling of the monument, which will be a big occasion. It has been suggested to have the ceremony on the anniversary of the battle, but some of the committee is against this plan. It is probable that the entire State military force will attend the unveiling.

Mr. Sievers, who has given such a large slice of his life to the work, is a Southerner by birth, and had his early training in this city under the late W. L. Sheppard. He was later at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Rome, and for a shorter period at Jullien, in Paris. His studios are located on Forest Hill Street, one block east of Semmes Avenue, Forest Hill.

Charged With Housebreaking.

Ed Gaddis, colored, was arrested by Policemen Smallwood, Kersey and Laflam yesterday on a charge of breaking into the home of C. T. Layne, of 215 North Second Street, and stealing clothing valued at \$15. Warrants charging the negro with being disorderly, assaulting and threatening to cut E. J. Hall and John Goode were also served on him.

Reckless Driving Charged.

R. A. Powell was arrested yesterday afternoon by Policemen Kersey on a charge of being drunk and recklessly driving an automobile through the streets.

WISE MAKES SHARP REPLY TO COMMITTEE'S ANSWER

Says Claim That It Was His Duty to Nominate Is Nothing Short of Absurd.

RIDICULES LABORED APPEAL

Declares He Prefers Indorsement of Judge to Approval of Committee, Which He Charges With Sowing Discord.

Asserting that he would rather have the indorsement given him by Judge Richardson, of the Hustings Court, in appointing him Commonwealth's Attorney than the nomination at the hands of a partisan committee, George E. Wise last night replied to the statement issued yesterday by the executive committee of the City Democratic Committee. The statement defended the committee's indorsement of T. Gray Haddon, and called on Democrats of the city to support Mr. Haddon for Commonwealth's Attorney.

"The committee makes a labored appeal to the Democratic voters to stand by its choice, and attempts to make it appear that party loyalty requires the people of Richmond to give up their right to elect their Commonwealth's Attorney and confer the power on a committee, chosen for the purpose," said Mr. Wise. "The committee's defense when translated into plain English means that they are saying to the people, you are not competent to elect your Commonwealth's Attorney, just leave that to us."

PREFERS INDORSEMENT OF JUDGE RICHARDSON

"For my part I prefer to have the indorsement of Judge Richardson, who appointed me Commonwealth's Attorney."

"The statement of the committee that it was its duty to nominate under the law is as absurd as it is unfounded. All acquainted with party affairs in

Virginia know that in many counties and cities no nominations are made when the Democratic committees in charge of party affairs know that there is no common enemy to fight. The committee's quotation from the primary act, citing its supposed authority to nominate, has no bearing on the case. The committee was amusingly condescending toward the Democrats of this city when it said that it desired to save the voters from 'hasty or ill-considered' action. This shows that the committee considers it its duty to tell the Democratic voters how to vote. They consider themselves the masters not the servants of the party.

"INVITED INTO A GAME WITH LOADED DICE"

"They invited me into a game with loaded dice, and if I had walked into the trap I should have displayed such innocence and imbecility as to clearly demonstrate my unfitness to hold any office. In fact, one member of the committee, who opposed making any nomination, said at the meeting that he did not blame me for not submitting my name, for I might have expected to get my head mashed off. I am busily engaged every day in the performance of my duties in the Hustings Court, and therefore cannot make such a personal canvass as I desire, and I shall rely on the fairness of the Democrats of Richmond to decide this issue."

"The ill advised action of the committee is doing serious injury to the Democratic party. Before the committee made this blunder they had the confidence of the Democrats of the city."



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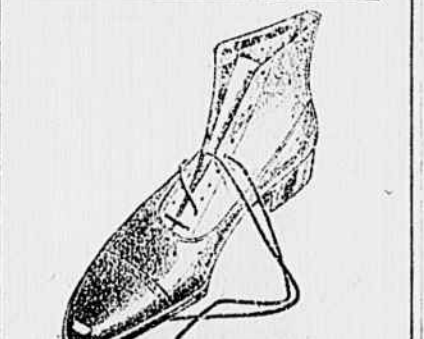
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Nevertheless, to keep them coming, I tell them it is a "half food," "an encouraging contribution to human efficiency." And the people—some of them—fall for it.

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